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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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☒ Continuation of application no. 09/814,215 filed on March 22, 2001.

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/814,215 filed on March 22, 2001

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5. ☒ Copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney by Assignee filed in the prior application no. 09/814,215 are enclosed.

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